(b) if so, the reasons for not having life saving medical equipments in different Government hospitals in the Capital;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have not cleared several proposals recommending for purchase of life saving medical equipments from abroad, and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take to equip to Government hospitals with the latest equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) In so far as Central Government Hopsitals in Delhi *viz.* Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hopsital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Harding Medical College and Associated Hospitals as well as All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) are concerned, the essential life saving medical equipments are available.

Procurement of life saving medical equipments in the Central Government hospitals is a continuous process depending upon the need and availability of resources.

**Reassessment of family planning measures**

528. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently assessed the various family planning measures adopted and their impact to control the population explosion;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the nature of incentives being given to the persons who adopt family planning methods to control population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is a decline in Crude Birth Rate (1990-2002) from 30.2 to 25 and that of Total Fertility Rate from 3.8 to 3.2 during the period 1990-1999.

(c) The Government is not in favour of giving any incentives for promotion of family planning methods. However, cash compensation for

loss of wages to the acceptors of sterilization/IUD insertion is offered @ Rs. 300 for tubectomy, Rs. 200 for vasectomy and Rs. 20 for per case for IUD insertion. The concessions offered to Government employees for undergoing sterilization operation after two children are (i) a special increment in the form of Family Planning Allowance; and (ii) a rebate of 1/2% in the interest on House Building Advance.

**Dengue epidemic**

529. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently there has been a spurt in the number of cases of dengue reported across the country, as compared to previous years;

(b) if so, the details of such cases registered and consequent deaths recorded during the last three years and so far this year, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken/being taken to coordinate with the State to ensure advance action for better sanitation and disease surveillance, especially in the more vulnerable areas, during/around monsoon period every year; and

(d) the details of any Central action drawn up/campaign proposed to be launched to eliminate the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The number of Dengue cases and deaths reported during the last three year and current year, state-wise, are given in statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Eradication of Dengue, which is a vector borne disease is not technically feasible. Therefore, all possible efforts are made to prevent & control the disease.

The strategy adopted for prevention and control of Dengue includes:—